

On April 17, four Canadian soldiers from the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group were killed and eight others were wounded in a "friendly-fire" incident in southern Afghanistan when they were mistakenly fired upon by American troops. These Canadian soldiers made the supreme sacrifice in defense of liberty and democracy.

Americans are deeply grateful for Canada's staunch support and firm commitment to the war against terrorism. The friendship of the Canadian people has helped America through her own dark hours. I hope that our friendship and support will help the people of Canada through this dreadful event.

We should do all we can to improve the safety of coalition troops in Afghanistan. I strongly favor the conduct of a thorough and timely investigation to determine how this terrible accident occurred in Afghanistan. Casualties due to friendly fire have been called the "unfortunate part of war." We should do whatever it takes to prevent these tragedies and to eliminate this most unfortunate part of war. Even though war is always unpredictable, Canadians and Americans want to know what the exact circumstances were that led to the deaths of these capable and brave soldiers, so other incidents like this one can be averted in the future.

I extend my condolences to the victims' families in Canada, and I express my support to Canadians in this difficult time. I offer my sorrow and sympathy to the Government and people of Canada for this shocking tragedy and truly regret the events that led to the deaths of these fine men.

Mr. BEREUTER. Madam Speaker, this Member rises to express his support for H. Res. 412, a bill expressing the House's regret and sympathy to the families of the four Canadian soldiers who lost their lives and the eight Canadian soldiers who were wounded on April 17, 2002, in a "friendly-fire" mistake in southern Afghanistan. Additionally, this Member would like to express his appreciation for the efforts of the very distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON) in drafting this legislation.

Madam Speaker, Canada is a steadfast ally and true friend of the United States. In October 2001, less than one month after the horrific and unspeakable terrorist attacks of September 11th, Ottawa, Canada, served as the host city for the fall meetings of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA). As leader of the House Delegation to the NATO PA, this Member was very grateful for the unwavering support offered by the Canadian parliamentarians to the U.S. for the war on terrorism. Despite their recognition of the dangers involved in sending their armed forces to assist with the war, the Canadians were the strongest supporters of the assembly's endorsement of the use of force against the terrorists and were willing to contribute troops for missions in Afghanistan.

Indeed, the loss of four Canadian soldiers who were killed by a bomb from an American F-16 aircraft in a friendly-fire mistake is a tragic loss which the U.S. and Canada, as steadfast neighbors and true allies, mourn together. Last week, this Member and many of his colleagues were able to express their personal condolences to the Honorable Peter Milliken, the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada. It is fitting that this body,

through this resolution, expresses its condolences to the families of the Canadian families who lost their loved ones in the tragic incident.

Madam Speaker, this Member encourages his colleagues to vote for H. Res. 412.

Mr. HYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 412 of offer my deepest condolences to all Canadians, especially the families and friends of Sergeant Marc D. Leger, Corporal Ainsworth Dyer, Private Richard A. Green, and Private Nathan Smith, who gave their lives in the service of defending freedom and security in Operation Enduring Freedom on April 17, 2002, in Afghanistan.

Eight other servicemen were also wounded in this incident. This tragic accident reminds us that our coalition partners remain willing to send their men and women in uniform in harm's way so that our freedoms may prevail. These Canadians have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of all peace-loving people, and my prayers are with their families and loved ones during this difficult time.

After America was so brutally attacked, I addressed the House of Representatives during consideration of H.J. Res. 61, which expressed the sense of the House of Representatives and Senate regarding the assault. I quoted Winston Churchill, whose words are just as salient today as they were then. He wrote, "Civilization will not last, freedom will not survive, peace will not be kept, unless a very large majority of mankind unite together to defend them."

Canada has always been our country's closest ally and friend. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11th, she has offered her steadfast loyalty and support in defense of the values that define and unite us. Canada's leadership during this trying time is invaluable to the American people. We will continue our common defense in unity to defeat the enemy who wishes to destroy freedom.

May God bless Canada and her fallen soldiers who served her with such courage and dignity. We indeed are a safer Nation because of these soldiers and those who continue to serve in our Nations' Armed Forces.

I want to commend my colleague from New York, Mr. HOUGHTON, for this important expression of sympathy. I urge my colleagues to support this passage. Canada shall remain our closest ally and friend.

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOUGHTON. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 412.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-209)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I am providing herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my administration on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2002.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,

Washington, DC, May 3, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, that I have determined that a subpoena for documents issued from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas to the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House. Accordingly, I have instructed the Office of General Counsel to move to quash the subpoena.

Sincerely,

W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN,
Chairman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 5 p.m.

AUCTION REFORM ACT OF 2002

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill